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### **SEYMOUR MORRIS, 1863-1921.**

Seymour Morris of Chicago, Illinois, was born in Utica, N. Y., February 15, 1863. He was the son of Joseph and Clara Elizabeth (Seymour) Morris, and died in Chicago, Illinois, September 27, 1921. His first American ancestor was Edward Morris and the record in Waltham Abbey, England, states that "Edward Morris left for America in 1636." He settled at Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Richard Seamer (Seymour), his maternal ancestor, settled in Hartford, Connecticut in 1639, where he appears as proprietor and also one of the settlers who received land by "courtesies of the town."

Seymour Morris was educated in the public schools of Chicago, graduating from high school in 1880. September 6, 1880, he entered the office of Judge Lucius B. Otis in the real estate and renting business at 142 LaSalle Street, Chicago. In 1904 he became trustee of the L. Z. Leiter Estate and in 1907 of the Albert Keep Estate. At the time of his death he managed the affairs of many individuals and held the following offices:

Director, The Merchants' Loan and Trust Co., Chicago.

Director, Spaulding & Co., Chicago (Jewelers).

Director and Vice-President, Chicago City Railways Co., 1912 to 1921.

Assistant Treasurer, Chicago Chapter, American Red Cross.

Secretary, Chicago Historical Society.

Treasurer, Chicago Orphan Asylum.

Director, U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co., Baltimore, Md.

During the World War Mr. Morris was appointed Chairman of Exemption Appeal Board No. 2 of the Northern District of Illinois and served in that capacity until the end of the war.

He was greatly interested in genealogical research, having compiled the following books:

Morris Genealogy (1894).

Tucker Genealogy (1901).

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois Year Books One, Two and Three.

List of Genealogies being Compiled.

Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Illinois Year Books.

Pamphlet, "The Hale Family."

Pamphlet, "First Three Generations of the Seymour Family."

He was the prime mover in the organization of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois and founder of the Illinois Society of Colonial Wars.

He had a large library of New England Town Histories and Genealogies and Vital Records, consisting of some 6,000 volumes, to which he was adding from time to time. Genealogy was his hobby.

Mr. Morris was a member of several clubs, namely:

The Chicago Club.

Union League Club of Chicago.

Union League Club of New York.

Glen View Golf Club.

South Shore Country Club.

Mid-Day Club.

Lake Geneva Country Club.

Metropolitan Club of New York.

Life Member of the New England Historic and Genealogical Society (Boston).

Society of the Cincinnati.

New England Society of Chicago.

Illinois Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Pennsylvania Society Order of Founders and Patriots of America.

Society of Colonial Wars in Massachusetts. (Life member.)

Illinois Society of Colonial Wars.

Illinois State Historical Society.

He was married January 18, 1888, at Chicago, Illinois, to Ida Nesbitt Tucker, daughter of William S. and Martha (Nesbitt) Tucker. His wife and one son, Seymour Morris, Jr., of Chicago, survive.